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Art Unit : 3763  
Examiner : Mark K. Han  
Applicant : Emmanuel Mastorakis  
Appln. No. : 10/069,688  
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For : MEDICAL DEVICE AND LOCKING MECHANISM THEREFOR

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT

This amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed December 8, 2003.

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows.

**Amendments To The Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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